

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
RECYCLING COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 17, 2016**

DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER
With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: David Casale, Patrick Bobbitt, Robert Matteson, Willi Luthy, John Machol, Dan Cote and Council Member Ralph McMorris.

Absent: Holly Fortenberry.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Introduction of City Staff
Staff Members were introduced to the board – Ross Blackketter, Paul Booth, Cindy DeWitt, and Janelle Williams.
2. Election of Committee Officers
Chairman
Vice Chairman
Motion was made by Dan Cote, second by Willi Luthy, to appoint John Machol as chair and David Casale as vice chair. Unanimously approved.
3. Setting a Regular Meeting Schedule
The committee will meet on the third Thursday of each month at 11:00 a.m.
4. Introduction of Current Recycling Program
Ross Blackketter and Paul Booth provided an overview of the City's current recycling program.
 - A. Information provided by staff:
 1. Eco Center budget information.
 2. Materials accepted – cardboard, plastic, paper, glass, aluminum, scrap metal, electronics, textiles, fluorescent bulbs, used oil, Styrofoam, brush and yard waste, tires, and batteries.
 3. Current programs – GISD paper and cardboard programs, Other paper only programs, weekly pickup of recyclables at City facilities, Lindale Park satellite location for cardboard and paper, senior and disabled curbside recycling pickups, mulch, Christmas tree, bi-annual shred day, and monofilament fishing line recovery.
 4. Partnerships – UTMB Styrofoam, mulch, and public education, and Galveston Urban Ministries residential curbside recycling.
 5. Annual totals of commodities collected.

6. Planned expansion and future programs – three new satellite locations, glass collection and recovery, paper compactor, and new building; and optional future programs – household hazardous waste and full curbside recycling.

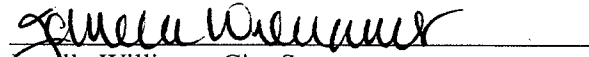
B. Questions to staff from the committee included – What are the city's realistic goals? What end result is desired? Is there a way to poll the citizens to see if the island wants a recycling program? Does staff have a plan in mind to bring forward instead of reinventing the wheel? What percentages of people are recycling now, and how can we measure going forward? What is Paul's perspective on what he couldn't accomplish without the committee?

5. Discussion of Committee Goals

The committee will start with a base plan for curbside recycling, which will be provided by staff at the next meeting. Initial goals include looking at full curbside recycling, polling the citizens, and visiting the McCarty Road recycling center in Houston. The committee will provide a progress report to the City Council in six months and will seek guidance from the Council.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:16 p.m.


Janelle Williams, City Secretary